

***MCC Connects:** MCC Canada welcomes applications for MCC Canada Executive Director. Interested individuals are asked to apply online at: mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings by April 7th, 2017. Any inquiries regarding this position can be sent to karengracepankratz@mcccanada.ca

***Wednesday, April 19th at 5:30 pm St. Andrew's College Gala Banquet** at the German Cultural Centre in Saskatoon. Speaker: The Right Reverend Jordan Cantwell, Moderator of The United Church of Canada. Entertainment provided by Sons of Django. Deadline to purchase tickets is April 10. Tickets are \$100 (with a portion in tax-credit receipt). Tickets for the dinner are available by calling St. Andrew's College at 306-966-8970.

OMC CALENDAR

Mar 20-24 Blanket making starting at 9:00 am each day
Mar 23 Missions & Service meeting 7:00 pm
Mar 25 Family movie night, 7:00 pm: "The Prince of Egypt".
In honour of Joseph, please come in clothes of many colours, or dressed like an Egyptian, for the movie.
Mar 26 S.S. forum, 11:15: Healing Lodge & MC Sask ADS
Mar 29 Executive mtg, 12:30 pm; Deacons mtg, 2:30 pm

Worship leader: Jim Dyck Sound: Dick Braun
Song leader: Kevin Boldt Pianist: Melanie Boldt
Nursery: Sarah Buhler; Ushers: Carl Martens-Funk, Cornie Guenther

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
March 19, 2017

Third Sunday of Lent

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: In a dry and weary land,

All: restore us, O God.

Leader: Parched and depleted,

All: restore us, O God.

Leader: Longing for your living water,

All: restore us, O God.

Leader: We thirst. Receive our worship as a sign of our yearning for You.

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #80 "O bless the Lord, my soul"
Blue/HWB #89 "For the beauty of the earth"**

Lenten Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance:

Leader: O God, You are the living Water, You restore us to life. We confess that in the desert of our lives we forget your faithfulness. Our bodies grow tired; our hearts dry up. Our minds become clouded and we do not remember that you are our deliverer.

People: When we see the dryness behind and before us, we quarrel among ourselves and burden one another. We cry out: "Is the Lord even among us?"

Leader: Forgive us, O Lord, for in the harshness of life's desert journey we quickly focus on ourselves. We forget that you have been, you are, and you will forever be our deliverer.

People: Restore in us a remembering spirit, that we may hope in You again. Renew our hearts, O Lord. Make us generous in our praise, that we may worship you anew!

(Pause for silent confession)

Leader: God, our living Water,

All: restore us.

Leader: Let all who thirst, come. Come and drink from the living Water. Let all who have nothing, come to the Lord. Come – without money or price. Come and draw from the well of our Lord, which will never run dry.

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Prayer of Healing and Anointing for Michelle McKinnell

Hymn: Blue/ HWB #558 “When the storms of life are raging”

Offering / Offertory Prayer

Children’s Time & Loose Change collection Vanessa Stefaniuk

Scripture lesson: Genesis 27:1-40

Hymn: Blue/HWB #600 “O bless the Lord, my soul”

Sermon: “Jacob’s Alternative Facts” Patty Friesen

***Hymn: Blue/HWB #599 “He leadeth me”**

***Lenten Benediction: Revived by God’s thirst-quenching love, go from this place to live the good news of Love in the world.**

*(*Please rise)*

To all our visitors: WELCOME. We are delighted that you are worshipping with us.

Scent Free: We are striving to be considerate of those with sensitivities to scents/fragrances and ask all to avoid wearing scented products.

Children’s Worship Binder, an instrument to help children through the worship hour, is available in the foyer.

TODAY

- **Adult choir practice, 9:00 am.**
- **Centering Prayer** in Classroom 1 **at 9:15 am.**
- **Loose change collection during Worship.**
- **Beverages & snacks** available after the worship service.
- **Sunday School** for all ages **begins at 11:15 am.**
- **Lenten Prayer in Patty’s office, 11:15 am.**

THIS WEEK

- **Blanket-making, Monday – Friday, starting at 9:00 am.**
- **Thursday, March 23: M & S meeting, 7:00 pm**
- **Saturday, March 25: Family movie night, 7:00 pm**

NEXT SUNDAY

- **Adult S.S. Forum on Healing Lodge & MC Sask ADS**

UPCOMING SERVICES

- Mar 26: “Joseph, Prince of Egypt” - Patty Friesen
- Apr 2: “Go down Moses” - Terri Lynn Friesen
- Apr 9: “Palm Sunday & the Passover Lamb”- Patty Friesen

Sunday, March 26: “Joseph, Prince of Egypt” - Patty Friesen

Song leader: Ben Buhler

Pianist: Diana Buhler

Worship leader: Jim Dyck

Nursery:

Children’s time: Lynn Loewen

Sound: Dan Schellenberg

Ushers: Carl Martens-Funk, Cornie Guenther

Remember in Prayer:

-Emmet's upcoming surgery, and his family.

-Michelle's upcoming surgery, and her family.

-Mennonite Church Alberta this weekend as they engage in their Annual Assembly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Patty's Week: Mon-Fri: away to Edmonton for Mom's 80th.

Terri Lynn's Week: Mon: office; Tues: blanket making, Lent prayers; Wed: off; Thurs: M&S mtg; Fri: office am, mtg pm; Sat: visit, Movie night.

***Easter Choir practice** will be Sunday mornings **March 19, 26, April 2 & 9** starting at 9:00 am. Come out and make a joyful noise!

***Meal Sign-up sheets for Bergen-Braun's and McKinnell-Martens'** are on the bulletin board.

***MCC Blanket Making on March 20-24 starting at 9:00 am** each morning. Please come out and support this project.

*Submissions for the **April newsletter** are due by March 26.

***Sunday, March 26, 11:15 S.S. Forum** on exciting OMC Field Trips to Willow Cree Healing Lodge and MC Sask ADS.

***Community Grocery Needs:** Missions & Service Committee is asking for your support in providing grocery items for a family experiencing some financial difficulties in the community. Please place your items in the box designated Community Support in the foyer. Items for Friendship Inn can continue to be placed in their designated box. Some suggested items are posted on each of the boxes. If you have any questions please contact Sandra G. or Margaret D.

***Lenten Guided Prayer Experience:** Prayer sheets for each week of Lent are available in church entrance. Groups will gather weekly to pray and reflect as a group on what they have learned or experienced throughout the week - sharing what they wish! Please consider this opportunity to receive the gifts of Lent in your own prayer life, and as a community. Talk to Terri Lynn for more details. Groups will meet:

Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm - (beginning March 7) Terri Lynn & Thomas' (225 Ave E North) - beginning with week 1.

Sunday mornings - after coffee time - (beginning March 12) in Terri Lynn's office - beginning with week 2.

*Thank you to everyone who has pledged donated items for our refugee family. **Please bring these items to church as soon as possible, clean and ready to use, and put them in the designated Sunday School room.**

YOUTH CALENDAR

-Intergenerational Blanket Making: Tuesday, March 21st - 4pm - Blanket Making for youth & kids! The more seasoned volunteer blanket-makers have agreed to pass on their skills and host the next generation of blanket makers. We'll meet in the gym at 4pm, and have **supper around 5:30**. I will make pasta & sauce or order pizza, and if you'd like to bring a contribution it can go towards blanket making supply costs.

-Saturday, March 25, 7pm - Family Movie Night. *The Prince of Egypt*. Snacks provided - bring your friends! Dressing in "clothes of many colors" or "like an Egyptian" is encouraged!

***RJC students are putting the FUN in fundraising during Lent** this year by playing Lentopoly, a friendly competition amongst the grade10/11s, the grade 12s and the staff to raise the most money. Money raised will be used to fund projects in Guatemala, Alabama, Calgary and Saskatoon during ALSO (Alternative Learning Service and Opportunities) week. Students must use their gifts, talents, and creativity to raise the money (they can't just ask for it) and all the money raised is used for projects outside of the school. So once again **I will be making apple pies (unbaked and frozen). I am selling them for \$10 each. See me to make your purchase. Thanks for your support! Katherine Penner**

***To all MCC Blanket Making Groups from MCC Sask:** "You are invited to our Volunteer Appreciation Tea on Wed, April 26, 2017 from 1:30 - 3:30 pm at the MCC Office, 600 45th St West. Come for a time of encouragement, refreshment and visiting." **If you are interested in attending, please talk to Margaret Dyck as soon as possible.** We have a dedicated group making blankets so it would be great to have representation from our church at this event.

***RJC GUYS & PIES Fundraiser and Dessert Auction - Sunday, April 2, 7:00 pm at RJC. Join us for an evening of music and desserts,** featuring A Buncha Guys (directed by Russ Regier) and the RJC ManChoir (directed by Richard Janzen.) Included in the evening will be a dessert auction. Funds raised will go toward RJC program projects. Coffee, tea and pie will be served during the evening. Everyone is welcome!

***A Buncha Guys 20 Year Reunion April 28 – 30.** Please e-mail Russ at abg20year@gmail.com to register or for more information.

***A Buncha Guys Spring Concert** Sunday April 30, 2:30 at Knox United Church, Saskatoon, featuring the 20 Year Reunion Choir. Details to follow.

***Hidden Voices - Sonrisa Womens Choir presents Vivaldi's Gloria** - Saturday April 1st 7:30 p.m. at Knox United Church, Saskatoon. In Italy during the early 1700's, there were many abandoned girl children. Vivaldi was a priest and teacher at one of the orphanages that offered them shelter and education, and it was for them that he composed *Gloria, RV589*. Sonrisa will share the story of these young women and the music they made together as part of a celebration of hidden voices. Please join us! (Tickets available from choir members and at the door. Adults \$10, 12 & under free.

***May 6: Shekinah Fundraising Banquet and Capital Project Launch,** 6:00 pm at Mount Royal Mennonite Church. Reserve your tickets online at www.shekinahretreatcentre.org or call 306-945-4929

***Refresh, Refocus, Renew.** Mennonite Church Saskatchewan is initiating a conversation to rearticulate its reason for being and to listen for how God is calling the church in this 21st Century context. With all that has happened to the church in recent years, especially with the dismantling of Christendom in the West, now seems to be the time to re-imagine Mennonite Church Saskatchewan again. To begin the conversation, you are invited to participate in an online survey at www.mcsask.ca. The survey will be up and open until Monday, April 3.

***MC Sask Women's Ministry** is seeking more help on their planning committee. Please email the church office if interested.

***Urgent Prayer Request from MC Canada:**

Michael J. Sharp, a Mennonite peace worker formerly with Mennonite Church Canada's ministry partner Mennonite Mission Network and Mennonite Central Committee, was kidnapped in the Democratic Republic of Congo on March 12. The DRC is beleaguered by militias competing for control of rich mineral resources, especially coltan, which is used in the production of mobile phones and laptop computers.

Please pray for Michael, Zahida, their associates and all of their friends and families as this situation continues. Pray also for the kidnappers. May the light of Christ shine through the darkness.

From Mennonite Church Alberta (MCA): On March 17-18 MCA's Annual Assembly did take place at Trinity Mennonite Church in Calgary. Pray for leaders, delegates, and church participants who gathered to discern, connect, and worship, guided by the theme, "Sharing the Light of Jesus." Several Alberta ministry leaders offered reflections on the topic, including Donna Entz from the North Edmonton Ministry, Jon Olfert from Camp Valaqua, and Pastor Leng Thang of the Calgary Chin Christian Church.

***Mennonite Trust Scholarships** are available to students attending Christian Education schools. Please apply directly to MTL at www.mennonitetrust.ca or call 306-945-2080.

*Christian Counselling is hosting a fundraiser with Phil Callaway on Friday April 7 @ 7pm. Tickets can be purchased at www.saskatoonccs.com or Kennedy's Parables Bookstore: \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door.

***Check out the new Mennonite Church Saskatchewan website** at www.mcsask.ca. (if the new site doesn't appear, delete your browsing history and refresh your browser).